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RE: Bennett & Brosseau Roofing
IDNR Project #0907005

Dear Sirs:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation for the Route 66 Industrial Business Park located at the intersection of Route 53 and Division Street in Braidwood. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act [520 ILCS 10/11], the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 Illinois Administrative Code Part 1075.

The development will consist of approximately 64,000 square foot office, maintenance, and gymnasium building and associated parking lots, access drives, utilities, and stormwater management facilities. The Department has completed its review of the project and determined that the action is likely to have an adverse impact on Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*) and Spotted Turtle (*Clemmys guttata*).

To minimize these impacts, the Department recommends that Village of Romeoville incorporate the following measures in its project authorization.

1. Provide information about Blanding's Turtles and Spotted Turtles, including color photographs of juvenile and adult turtles, to everyone working on the project. The information should include details about their appearance, breeding, nesting and hibernation timeframes, what to do if one is encountered, and the definition and legal ramifications of a (incidental) take.
2. To prevent turtles from entering construction areas, exclusionary fencing should be in place from the end of March and remain until October. Daily inspections should occur for

the first two weeks and then be maintained weekly throughout the construction period to ensure the exclusionary fencing has been properly installed (dug into the ground) and to check if any turtles are present. All trenches and excavations should be securely covered at the end of each day's work. Trenches, excavations, and fencing will need to be inspected each morning by trained personnel, prior to work commencing, to ensure that reptiles and amphibians are not present or trapped.

3. If a Blanding's Turtles or Spotted Turtles are encountered near, or within the project area during construction, project work needs to cease and the Department and Will County Forest Preserve should be immediately notified. The same should be employed if a turtle is discovered once the facility is built. Incidental Take Authorization from the Office of Resource Conservation may be necessary if this species is encountered within the project area.

Consultation on the part of the Department is terminated. In accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h), the Village of Romeoville must notify the Department of its decision regarding these recommendations, whether they will:

- Allow the action to proceed as originally proposed;
- Require the action to be modified per Department recommendations (please specify which measures if not all will be required); or
- Forgo the action.

This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

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